

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-31 are pending. No claims are amended, canceled, or added.

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously presented) A method for providing context-sensitive help from a first computer to a second computer for a Web-based user interface (UI) of the first computer, the method comprising:

receiving a request for context sensitive help at the first computer from the second computer, the request corresponding to a first Web page of a Web-based UI of the first computer;

responsive to receiving the request, the first computer:

determining a set of context sensitive information that corresponds to the first Web page;

generating a second Web page comprising the context sensitive information; and

providing the second Web page to the second computer for presentation.

2. (Original) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the first computer is a server appliance.

3. (Original) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein generating the second Web page further comprises:

1 generating the second Web page in a format that is compatible with a
2 platform of the second computer, the platform comprising a hardware platform, an
3 operating system platform, a Web browser type indication, a software version
4 indication, a preferred language indication, an intended use of the second
5 computer, and/or predetermined preferences of a user.

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7 4. (Original) A method as recited in claim 1, before receiving the
8 request, further comprising:

9 communicating, by the first computer, a Web-based UI to the second
10 computer, the first computer being operatively coupled over a network to the
11 second computer, the Web-based UI comprising a first Web page corresponding to
12 one or more predetermined functions of the first computer.

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14 5. (Original) A method as recited in claim 1, further comprising:
15 responsive to determining the context sensitive help information, retrieving
16 the context sensitive help information from one or more help files.

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18 6. (Original) A method as recited in claim 1, before receiving the
19 request, further comprising:

20 communicating, by the first computer, a Web-based UI to the second
21 computer, the first computer being operatively coupled over a network to the
22 second computer, the Web-based UI comprising a first Web page corresponding to
23 one or more predetermined functions of the first computer, the first Web page
24 comprising a unique ID and a persistent help object that is mapped to a URL of the
25 first computer, the URL comprising the unique ID; and

1 wherein determining the context sensitive help information is based on the
2 unique ID.

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4 7. (Original) A method as recited in claim 6:

5 wherein the URL further comprises a reference to one or more computer
6 programs on the first computer; and

7 wherein the operations of determining the context-sensitive help and
8 retrieving the context sensitive help are performed by the one or more computer
9 programs that use a server-side scripting interface.

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11 8. (Original) A method as recited in claim 6:

12 wherein the URL further comprises a reference to one or more computer
13 programs on the first computer; and

14 wherein the operations of determining the context sensitive help and
15 retrieving the context sensitive help are performed by the one or more computer
16 programs using a server-side scripting interface that generates dynamic content.

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18 9. (Original) A computer readable medium comprising computer-
19 executable instructions for performing a method as recited in claim 1.

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21 10. (Original) A computer-readable storage medium comprising one or
22 more program modules for providing context-sensitive help for a Web-based user
23 interface (UI) of a first computer to a second computer, wherein the one or more
24 program modules comprise computer-executable instructions for:

1 receiving a request for a set of context sensitive help corresponding to a
2 Web-based UI of the first computer, the request being received at the first
3 computer, the Web-based UI corresponding to one or more functions of the first
4 computer, the Web-based UI being presented on the second computer, the first
5 computer being operatively coupled to the second computer over a network; and
6 responsive to receiving the request, the first computer:
7 generating a second Web page comprising the context-sensitive help; and
8 communicating the second Web page to the second computer for
9 presentation.

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11 11. (Original) A computer readable storage medium as recited in
12 claim 10, wherein the first computer is a server appliance.

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14 12. (Original) A computer-readable storage medium as recited in
15 claim 10, wherein generating the second Web page further comprises instructions
16 for:

17 generating the second Web page to be compatible with a platform of the
18 second computer, the platform being comprising an operating system platform, a
19 Web browser platform, a preferred language, an intended use of the second
20 computer, and/or predetermined preferences of a user.

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22 13. (Original) A computer-readable storage medium as recited in
23 claim 10, wherein the computer-executable instructions further comprise
24 instructions for:

1 communicating, by the first computer, the Web-based UI to the second
2 computer, the first Web-based UI comprising a persistent object mapped to a set of
3 context-sensitive help that corresponds to the one or more functions.

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5 14. (Original) A computer-readable storage medium as recited in
6 claim 10, wherein the computer-executable instructions for generating the second
7 Web page further comprise instructions for retrieving the context sensitive help
8 from one or more help files.

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10 15. (Original) A computer-readable storage medium as recited in
11 claim 10, wherein the computer-executable instructions further comprise
12 instructions for:

13 communicating, by the first computer, the first Web-based UI to the second
14 computer, the first Web-based UI comprising a persistent object mapped a set of
15 parameters comprising a set of context-sensitive help corresponding to the one or
16 more functions, a URL of the first computer, and a unique ID corresponding to the
17 first Web-based UI; and

18 wherein the computer-executable instructions for receiving the request
19 further comprise instructions for:

20 receiving the request at the URL, the request comprising the unique ID; and

21 wherein the computer-executable instructions for generating the second
22 Web page further comprise instructions for:

23 identifying the context sensitive help based on the unique ID.

1 16. (Original) A computer-readable storage medium as recited in
2 claim 10, wherein the first Web page further comprises a reference to one or more
3 computer programs on the first computer; and wherein the computer-executable
4 instructions for generating the second Web page further comprises instructions for:
5 generating the second Web page with a server-side scripting interface for
6 generating dynamic content that is identified by the one or more computer
7 programs .

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9 17. (Original) A computer-readable storage medium as recited in
10 claim 10, wherein the first Web page further comprises a reference to one or more
11 computer programs on the first computer; and wherein the computer-executable
12 instructions for generating the second Web page further comprises instructions for:
13 generating the second Web page with a server-side scripting interface for
14 generating dynamic content that is identified by the one or more computer
15 programs.

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17 18. (Original) A computer comprising a processor that is operatively
18 coupled to one or more computer-readable storage media as recited in claim 10,
19 the processor being configured to execute the computer program instructions.

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21 19. (Original) A system for providing context-sensitive help for a Web-
22 based user interface (UI), the system comprising:
23 a memory comprising a set of computer-executable instructions; and
24 a processor coupled to the memory, the processor being configured to
25 execute the computer executable instructions for:

1 communicating the Web based UI to a different system for
2 presentation;

3 responsive to receiving a request for context sensitive help,
4 determining a set of context-sensitive help that corresponds to the Web-based UI;
5 and

6 communicating the context-sensitive help to the different system for
7 presentation.

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9 20. (Original) A system as recited in claim 19, wherein the Web-based
10 UI further comprises a persistent help object that is programmed, responsive to
11 user selection, to communicate a context-sensitive help request message to the
12 system.

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14 21. (Original) A system as recited in claim 19, wherein the Web-based
15 UI further comprises a persistent help object that is programmed to send, upon
16 selection, a context-sensitive help request message to a URL that identifies the
17 system.

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19 22. (Original) A system as recited in claim 19, wherein the Web-based
20 UI further comprises a persistent help object that is programmed, responsive to
21 user selection, to communicate a context-sensitive help request message to the
22 system, the context-sensitive help request message comprising a unique ID
23 corresponding to the Web-based UI,, and wherein the computer-executable
24 instructions for determining further comprise instructions for:

25 identifying the context-sensitive help based on the unique ID.

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2 23. (Original) A system as recited in claim 19, wherein the computer-
3 executable instructions for determining further comprise a server-side scripting
4 interface for returning dynamic content to the system and wherein the context-
5 sensitive help is dynamic content.

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7 24. (Original) A system as recited in claim 23, wherein the server-side
8 scripting interface is selected from a set of scripting interfaces comprising a
9 Common Gateway Interface and/or an Internet Server Application Program
10 Interface.

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12 25. (Original) A system as recited in claim 19, wherein the computer-
13 executable instructions further comprise instructions for:

14 encapsulating the context sensitive help into a Web page that is compatible
15 with a platform of the computer selected from a combination of platforms
16 comprising an operating system, a Web browser, and/or a language; and

17 wherein the computer-executable instructions for communicating further
18 comprise instructions for:

19 communicating the context sensitive help embedded in the Web page.
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21 26. (Original) A user interface embodied in a computer-readable storage
22 medium for providing context-sensitive help for a remote user interface (UI), the
23 user interface comprising:

24 a first area for displaying, on a first device, a remote UI that corresponds to
25 a second device; and

1 a second area within the first area for providing a context-sensitive help
2 control for accessing a set of context sensitive help that corresponds to the remote
3 user interface.

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5 27. (Original) A user interface as recited in claim 26, wherein the
6 context-sensitive help control is a representation of a question mark.

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8 28. (Original) A user interface as recited in claim 26, wherein the
9 context-sensitive help control is mapped to a URL that comprises a unique ID that
10 corresponds to a particular Web page of the Web-based UI, the unique ID
11 referencing the context-sensitive help.

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13 29. (Original) A user interface as recited in claim 26, wherein the
14 context-sensitive help control is mapped to a URL comprising a reference to a
15 computer program module and one or more parameters for the computer program
16 module, the one or more parameters being a combination of parameters
17 comprising a unique ID corresponding to the Web-based UI, an operating system,
18 a Web browser, a software version indication, and/or a language, the computer
19 program module and the one or more parameters being used by the second device
20 to identify, retrieve, and/or modify the context-sensitive help.

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22 30. (Original) A user interface as recited in claim 26, wherein the second
23 device is a server appliance.

1 31. (Original) A computer comprising a processor that is operatively
2 coupled to a memory comprising computer-executable instructions for displaying
3 a user interface as recited in claim 26.
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